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Cc: Sen. Welch, Jason
Subject: Bill 5288

Sir,

THANK YOU for "Finally" addressing this 'HUGE' problem.

I owned an Auto Parts Store for 18 years and also repair my own vehicles. I have a lot of experience "Unfortunately" having to work with the chemical effects that it is having on Everything..

When I went to replace the brake rotors on my pickup, I spend the entire afternoon beating them off with a sledgehammer. They normally just come off without much effort. The rotors were rusted badly... not worn out! So I was not changing due to normal wear but because of RUST.

On my wife's car, I even purchased special rotors from California that are chemically treated to protect against rust and they even rusted out!

My retired parents Buick has low miles on it, but the brake lines rusted through and they lost their brakes while driving down the road. This could have had a tragic ending! The cost to replace the brake lines on this low mileage car was over \$1600.00.

I have found considerable rust on my vehicles as a result of this chemical used on the roads. This is very premature for newer low mileage vehicles.

My neighbor went to have his almost new pickup checked after hearing a noise and was told the front wheel bearing was bad. These bearings are normally just pressed out (and in) with a standard 30 Ton shop press. The garage was not able to get the bearing to even move with a 100 Ton press and was forced to buy the entire hub assembly because of the rust. This made the repair MUCH more expensive and delayed the work due to the Chevy dealer having to order the entire hub assembly.

I have a 2006 Chevy Suburban and both bumpers have rusted through from the backside. Again making them unsafe in an accident.

I hear constantly from everyone that they also are having the same problems...

The use of this salt is dangerous and deadly..

How many accidents from damage to vehicles is it going to take before you stop using this salt?

How about the damage to steel bridges, catch basins and drainage systems?

Joel McClay